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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).*

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing today to endorse the announced merger between T-Mobile and AT&T because it will provide increased broadband availability in our state and improve statewide coverage for a more competitive telecommunications environment across Michigan benefitting the citizenry.

As the voice of the 62 United Way chapters across the state, our work focuses on improving the lives of the local communities we serve. As you are aware, the economy of Michigan is transforming and evolving. While our manufacturing base remains the core of our state's identity and pride, we are watching the Internet and telecommunications services change the way we live, learn, work and conduct business. This partnership will also help our employment base within the state – a significant portion of which is affiliated with United Way partners in organized labor. Increased broadband investment is critical to our state's future, as well as to improved education and health care outcomes, two areas where the needs of our community remain great.

I also endorse this merger because of the opportunities in expanded Internet access. The two telecom companies have pledged to cover over 97% of Americans with high-speed wireless Internet service. Particularly important to our rural chapters, the merger means that virtually every Michigan resident will have access to "4G LTE" services, which bring telemedicine and distance learning to nearly every household and handheld mobile device. Increased broadband availability greatly enhances our ability to deliver needed services across Michigan.

I know this merger raises a number of complicated issues that the federal government will no doubt examine in great detail. Sometimes the simple benefits of a complicated deal get lost in those details. In that light, I repeat that we believe this merger is good for our Organized Labor partners and will lead to enhanced wireless Internet service across Michigan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Dzurka", written in a cursive style.

Scott Dzurka
President/CEO